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David Do, Director



Muriel Bowser, Mayor

MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Career Connections, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

Spring is officially here! Of course, it wouldn't be spring in Washington, D.C. without mentioning our iconic cherry blossom trees. In 1912, Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo gifted our nation's capital with 3,000 cherry blossom trees as a symbol of lasting friendship between the United States and Japan. District residents and people from all over the country come together in Washington D.C. to celebrate the beginning of spring.



The National Park Service recently announced that the cherry blossoms around the Tidal Basin will begin peak bloom today or tomorrow. I encourage you to enjoy the spring weather and one of the most beautiful sights in the District! The annual Cherry Blossom Festival will take place from March 20th to April 17th. To find out more about the events planned for this year's celebration, visit www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.

Warm Regards,

David Do

Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

MOAPIA News

Interview with New Tang Dynasty Television in DC



On March 18, 2016, Director Do participated in an interview with New Tang Dynasty TV (NTD TV) as part of their next "Living Smart in DC" segment.

3/30 - Don't miss our last Tai Chi class!



Special thanks to Shaw residents and members from Project ReDirect DC for joining our class last week on March 16th

Our last Tai Chi class at the Kennedy Recreation Center will be next week, on March 30th! Don't miss out on this fun exercise to loosen up your body and mind!

Wednesday, March 30, 11 am - 12 pm
Kennedy Recreation Center
1407 7th St NW, Washington DC 20001

For more information, email us at opia@dc.gov or call (202) 727-3120.

5/3 - SAVE THE DATE for the Mayor's Annual AAPI Heritage Month Celebration!

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs invites you to celebrate Mayor Muriel Bowser's Annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration. Please join us for a pre-show reception, awards ceremony, and a variety of exciting, cultural performances!

**TUESDAY
MAY 3
2016**

**Mayor Muriel Bowser's
2016
Asian American & Pacific Islander
Heritage Month Celebration**

GALA Hispanic Theatre (3333 14th Street NW) ♦ 7:00 PM

MOAPIA
DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES
WE ARE WASHINGTON
DC GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Check out pictures from previous years!

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, May 3, 7 pm
GALA Hispanic Theatre
3333 14th Street NW

In partnership with the Washington Performing Arts' Mars Urban Initiative, MOAPIA and the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities invites you to celebrate Mayor Muriel Bowser's AAPI Heritage Month Celebration! Please join us for a pre-show reception, awards ceremony, and a variety of exciting, cultural performances!

Events and Announcements

3/25 - DMPED March Madness



Join Mayor Muriel Bowser and Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Brian Kenner on March 25 for a special preview of new and upcoming projects soon to be available to the District's development community.

In addition to DMPED, the following District agencies will also preview upcoming development opportunities:

Department of Housing and Community Development
DC Public Library
Department of Parks and Recreation
Deputy Mayor for Education

At this event, attendees will hear about solicitation process and response requirements, and most importantly, have the opportunity to network among potential team members across the community development sector.

Organizations in the following areas should consider attending:

- Real estate development teams
- Design & engineering consultants
- Architectural firms
- Housing
- General contractors
- Subcontractors
- Equity providers
- Lenders
- Capital sources
- Small businesses

Networking begins at 8:30 a.m.; program at 9:30 a.m.

WHEN

Friday, March 25, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM (EDT)

WHERE

Theater of the Arts at Windom Circle - University of the District of Columbia
4200 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, District of Columbia

For more information and to RSVP, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dmpeds-2016-march-madness-an-economic-development-showcase-tickets-23061106390>

4/2 - Blossom Kite Festival

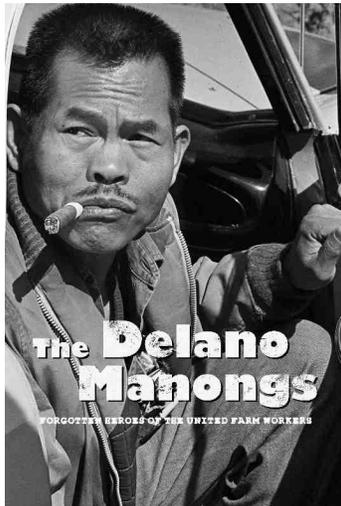
The National Cherry Blossom Festival is kicking off kite season and celebrating 50 years of kite flying on the National Mall! Carrying the legacy of the Smithsonian Kite Festival which first took place in 1967, the sixth annual Blossom Kite Festival showcases the creativity of kite makers and skill of fliers from across the US and other countries through a variety of competitions and demonstrations including a "kites of the decades" demonstration, Rokkaku Battles and the Hot Tricks Showdown. Bring your own kites or children can make a kite at an activity station (while supplies last) to fly on the Public Field.



Saturday, April 2, 10 am - 4:30 pm

Grounds of the Washington Monument near 17th Street NW and Constitution Avenue

For more information, visit <http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/blossom-kite-festival/>



4/22 - The Delano Manongs Film Screening

The Delano Manongs tells the story of farm labor organizer Larry Itliong and a group of Filipino farm workers who instigated one of the American farm labor movement's finest hours - The Delano Grape Strike of 1965 that brought about the creation of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW). While the movement is known for Cesar Chavez's leadership and considered a Chicano movement, Filipinos played a pivotal role. Filipino labor organizer, Larry Itliong, a cigar-chomping union veteran, organized a group of 1500 Filipinos to strike against the grape growers of Delano, California, beginning a collaboration between Filipinos, Chicanos and other ethnic workers that would go on for years.

Friday, April 22, 12 pm - 2 pm

Embassy of the Philippines
1600 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/delano-manongs-tickets-22687535028?aff=ebrowse>

Hosted by the DC Asian Pacific America Film Festival

4/23 - API Women Filmmaker Panel

We have all read about lack of representation of women in the film & television industry. With Vimeo and other programs designed to give women opportunities to succeed in the film, there is still a lack of

representation. How do we create a sustainable industry where women have a space to thrive and succeed. Join industry experts as we discuss this very current topic!



Saturday, April 23, 1:30 pm - 3 pm

Landmark Theatres Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20001

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/api-women-filmmaker-panel-tickets-22687749670?aff=ebrowse>

Hosted by the DC Asian Pacific America Film Festival

Private Security Camera Incentive Program

Help make DC safer and stronger

Install a private security camera system and apply for a rebate

For more info visit ovsjg.dc.gov

The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants want residents to improve public safety by participating in the Private Security Camera Incentive Program. This program encourages residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to purchase and install security cameras.

The program provides a rebate of up to \$200 per camera, with a maximum rebate of up to \$500 per residential address and \$750 for all other addresses.

Information about the program and the application can be found on at www.ovsjg.dc.gov. For additional information, contact the Program at security.cameras@dc.gov (202) 727-5124.

Hands on Hearts CPR Training Program

"Hands on Hearts" is an initiative to provide free CPR and AED awareness training to District residents. When hands-only CPR is performed immediately during cardiac arrest, it may increase the

chance of a person's survival. The District is committed to providing residents with the skills needed to help save a life. For more information or to sign up for "Hands on Hearts" CPR training, visit handsonhearts.dc.gov or call 311.



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